

WTOP AM/FM (and its sisters stations) in Washington, DC is committed to the community not only because we feel it is our duty as broadcasters, but also because as members of the Bonneville International Corporation, this sense of integrity is instilled in us daily.

WTOP is the only all-news station in the market, providing the source of local news, traffic, and weather information. We provide the most comprehensive traffic and weather information in the market, every ten minutes, 24/7. When emergency information needs to be broadcast, WTOP is the source for all local governments and other agencies.

Each month for several days a month, WTOP features an "Ask The" program in which local authorities are guests (e.g. DC Police Chief Ramsey, city council members, Governors, Mayors, etc)... and listeners are invited to call in or email questions to these guests. This provides access to public figures that regular listeners might not otherwise have.

WTOP is the anchor station for Amber Alerts and other EAS alerts, and has led the way in making changes and being vocal on how these public alert systems can be improved. Management from the news department has been involved in local homeland security conferences, and the station is a key source for local governments and security officials on dealing with communication during times of crisis.

In addition to regular programming and community leadership, WTOP provides several million dollars in public affairs programs, public service announcements, and volunteer time from our own staff every year.

WTOP also supports numerous community events throughout the year, donating air time and staff time so such events as the Make A Wish Foundation annual scavenger hunt, the Boys and Girls Clubs celebrity hitting challenge, the National Race for the Cure, various events for the March of Dimes, and most recently the station held an online auction to benefit the Washington Free Clinic, raising \$161,000 and providing over \$500,000 in airtime to support the cause.

Classical 103.5 in DC (WTOP's sister station) also supports the community throughout the year in major ways. Millions of dollars in public service announcements and programming is offered each year. The station supports about a dozen charity events throughout the year, including a Toys for Tots Drive, and a coat drive each winter, the March of Dimes Signature Chef Silent and Live Auction event, and various events for Make A Wish and the local Boys and Girls Clubs. The station provides free classical music concerts each summer to those who might not otherwise be able to be exposed to this music; we collect nearly 300 used instruments each year which are refurbished and distributed to local schools in need, and we also donate approximately \$15,000 in cash to various organizations.

Classical 103.5 WGMS has been honored twice in the past five years with the NAB's prestigious Crystal Award for excellence in public service.

This is only a small sampling of the amount of airtime, staff time, effort, and dollars that are given to the Washington Metro area by these two stations.

Our commitment to localism is strong and will continue to grow with each broadcast year.